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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MACHEL'S SPEECH CLOSING THE 8TH FRELIMO CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUMMARY: AFTER SIXTEEN DAYS OF DELIBERATIONS BY THE FRELIMO
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ITS CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DELIVERED
A RATHER MILD AND UNREMARKABLE SPEECH, CONTAINING VERY FEW SUR-
PRISES. MACHEL PRAISED THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR MAINTAINING ITS
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UNITY AND SUPPORTING HIS POLICIES, REVIEWED THE ACTION OF HIS
GOVERNMENT DURING THE

FIRST NINE MONTHS IN POWER, ATTACKED THE INTERNAL ENEMIES OF THE STATE,

LABELED AS EXPLOITERS THOSE PEOPLE (MOSTLY PORTUGUESE) WHO WERE FLEEING POST-INDEPENDENCE MOZAMBIQUE, SAID THAT EACH PROVINCE WOULD NOW HAVE AN APPOINTED (AND LATER AN ELECTED) PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO HOLD FRELIMO'S 3RD PARTY CONGRESS IN DEC 1976.

2. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS: A LARGE PORTION OF MACHEL'S SPEECH DEALT WITH A REVIEW (AND JUSTIFICATION) OF THE POLICIES PURSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING ITS FIRST NINE MONTHS IN POWER. ON INDIVIDUAL POLICIES, MACHEL SAID THE FOLLOWING:

A. COMMUNAL VILLAGE PROGRAM (ALDEIA COMUNAL.) MACHEL REITERATED THAT THE COMMUNAL VILLAGE PROGRAM IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE BASIS" OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS", AND IT IS ONLY THROUGH THESE COMMUNAL VILLAGES THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAN BE GREATLY INCREASED.

B. NATIONALIZATION OF EDUCATION HEALTH SERVICES, LAW PRACTICES, FUNERAL BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY; MACHEL DECLARED THAT THE "BLOOD AND SACRIFICE SHOULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLE AND NOT SERVE TO CREATE RICHES FOR THE HANDFUL OF EXPLOITERS." CITIZENS HAVE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LEGAL SERVICES AND THE NATIONALIZATION OF THESE SERVICES WOULD END THE FORMER PRACTICE OF DISPENSING THEM TO THOSE WHO COULD AFFORD TO PAY FOR THEM THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE FUNERAL SERVICES REMOVED THE "IMMORAL AND UNDIGNIFIED SPECULATION" FROM DEATH. AND THE NATIONALIZATION OF HOUSES NOW "PERMITS THE PEOPLE TO OCCUPY THE CITIES CONSTRUCTED WITH THEIR LABOR AND SWEAT AND FROM WHICH THEY WERE EXCLUDED."

3. INTERNAL ENEMIES OF THE STATE: MACHEL ALSO LAUNCHED ONE OF HIS BITTEREST ATTACKS AGAINST THE INTERNAL ENEMIES OF THE STATE. HE CLAIMED THAT ORGANIZED SUBVERSION AGAINST THE COUNTRY WAS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE INFILTRATION OF ENEMY AGENTS AND ECONOMY SABOTAGE AS WELL AS THROUGH A NUMBER OF HERETOFORE UNMENTIONED WAYS: ANTI-MOZAMBIQUE RADIO BROADCAST, LOCAL PUBLICATION OF CLANDESTINE ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND PAPERS, AND A PRESS CAMPAIGN SPREADING RUMORS AND FALSIFYING CURRENT MOZAMBIQUE REALITIES.

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4. PEOPLE LEAVING MOZAMBIQUE BRANDED AS EXPLOITERS: TURNING TO THE MASS EXODUS OF PEOPLE (HE NEVER USED THE WORD PORTUGUESE) FROM MOZAMBIQUE, MACHEL COMPARED THEM TO THE REFUGEES WHO FLED CUBA AFTER CASTRO, MAINLAND CHINA AFTER MAO, RUSSIA AFTER 1918 AND PORTUGAL AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF CAETANO. AFTER ALL PROGRESSIVE REVOLUTIONARY REGIMES TAKE POWER IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID, THE REACTIONARIES FLEE. IN MOZAMBIQUE, ONLY THE EXPLOITERS WERE LEAVING: THE BIG LAND OWNERS, THE DOCTORS WHO WERE MORE INTERESTED IN MONEY THAN MEDICINE, THE LAWYERS WHO

COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN JUSTICE AND MISERY, AND THE LAND SPECULATORS. AND THEY ARE LEAVING BECAUSE "THEY REFUSE TO ASSUME, TO LIVE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BATTLE FOR A NEW SOCIETY." BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF THOSE PEOPLE FRELIMO WOULD HAVE TO UTILIZE THE IMMENSE CAPACITY OF THE MASSES TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY.

5. RESTRUCTURING THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL: CLAIMING THAT THE APPARATUS OF THE STATES IN MOZAMBIQUE EXISTED AND FUNCTIONED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COLONIAL BOURGEOIS AND CAPITALIST EXPLOITERS, MACHEL SAID THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO BUILD A NEW SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. "THE ESSENTIAL

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE NEW APPARATUS OF THE STATE IS TO BRING INTO EXISTENCE THE PEOPLES DEMOCRACY AND TO CREATE AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN WORKERS AND THE PEASANTS" TO THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHING IN EACH PROVINCE A REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS. IN THE INITIAL PERIOD FRELIMO WOULD SELECT THE REPRESENTATIVES, BUT LATER THEY WOULD BE ELECTED. LEADERSHIP AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL WOULD ALSO BE EXERCISED COLLECTIVELY. THIS NEW PATTERN OF REPRESENTATIVE PEOPLES POWER WOULD BE EXTENDED TO SUB-PROVINCIAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AS WELL.

6. 3RD PARTY CONGRESS: MACHEL ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO HOLD THE FRELIMO'S THIRD PARTY CONGRESS IN DEC 1976 IN A PLACE NOT YET DESIGNATED.

A PREPARATORY COMMISSION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF A) THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN; B) FRELIMO'S PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE IN THE COMING YEARS; C) THE
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CREATION OF THE PEOPLES DEMOCRACY; AND D) THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND ON THE ALDEIAS COMMUNAIS.

7. COMMENT: AFTER DELIBERATING FROM FEB 11 TO 27, MOST OBSERVERS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE POLITICAL SCENE EXPECTED MACHEL TO DROP A FEW MORE BOMB SHELLS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. INSTEAD, HE CHOSE TO RECITE RECENT HISTORY AND PREVIEW GENERALLY INNOCUOUS DOMESTIC AND PARTY CHANGES. BEHIND THE SCENES, HOWEVER, MACHEL MAY HAVE TAKEN THE OCCASION OF THIS MEETING TO REASSERT HIS OWN STRENGTH WITHIN THE PARTY AND TO WHITTLE AWAY AT THE POWER OF THOSE WHO MIGHT (LIKE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER) WANT TO CHOSE

A MORE MODERATE COURSE FOR THE COUNTRY. IF THIS WAS ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES, HE APPARENTLY ACCOMPLISHED IT, SINCE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

APPEARS TO HAVE FULLY ENDORSED HIS POLICIES OF NATIONALIZATION.

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